GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several countries including USA, Russia, France, Israel and Germany have offered to provide weapons and defence systems to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the countries with which the Government is holding talks regarding procurement of weapons and defence systems; and

(d) the amount proposed to be spent on procurement of weapons by the Government this year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d):Defence items including weapons and defence systems are acquired in accordance with the provisions of the Defence Procurement Procedure. These items are procured from indigenous as well as foreign sources including USA, Russia, France, Israel, Germany etc. Divulging the details relating to these items on the floor of the House would not be in the interests of national security.

Budgetary provisions to the tune of about Rs.32610 crore under Capital head have been made for the modernization of the Armed Forces during the year 2007-2008.